(c) whether any cost effective analysis has been made in this regard;

(d) whether Government is considering to establish pilot projects for this purpose in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The Ministry of Earth Sciences is not considering to establish any pilot project for generating electricity from seawater.

(e) Does not arise.

Upgradation of NRC in Assam

906. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of upgradation of the National Register for Citizen (NRC) in Assam as well as target set for completion of the Border fencing between India and Bangladesh; and

(b) the details of present status of the declaration made during the tripartite discussion made between AASU, Government of Assam and Government of India in June, 2005?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) The Government of Assam has initiated steps for updating of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) 1951 on the basis of the relevant records. The Central Government has also provided a sum of Rs. 3.02 crore to the Government of Assam for computerization of the relevant records. The State Government has submitted modalities for updating of NRC in January, 2009, which are under examination. As far as construction of fencing along the Indo-Bangladesh border is concerned, it is expected that the construction work of fencing would be completed by 31.3.2010.

(b) Details of follow up on decisions taken in the tripartite meeting held on 5th May, 2005 between Central Government, Government of Assam and representatives of All Assam Students Union (AASU) are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of follow up action on decisions taken in the Tripartite meeting held on 5.5.2005

1. The Government of Assam has initiated action for updating of National Register of Citizens (NRC) 1951 on the basis of the relevant records. Steps are being taken to ensure that the work of updating the NRC is undertaken at the earliest.

2. As on 30.11.2008, out of 3436.87 km fencing sanctioned along Indo-Bangladesh border, 2636.66 km of border fence has been completed. In Assam sector, out of 223.81 kilometer

(Phase I and II) of sanctioned fencing along Indo-Bangladesh Border 214.48 km has been completed. Since the fencing erected under Phase-I had outlived its life, it is being replaced with a composite type fencing.

3. 32 Foreigners Tribunals have been set up in the State of Assam for detection of foreigners/illegal migrants in the State. Government is reimbursing expenditure incurred on the functioning of these Tribunals to the State Government of Assam. Steps have been taken to strengthen the Border Security Force and equipping them with modern equipments, reduction of gaps between the border posts and intensified patrolling. The border fence along the Bangladesh border is being strengthened and a scheme for flood lighting has been approved. Besides, the issue of illegal migrants from Bangladesh is regularly taken up at various fora and steps have been taken for coordinated patrolling, identification of vulnerable gaps, strengthening of riverine patrolling. Bangladesh has also been urged to take effective steps to check the illegal movement of their nationals into India, especially through vulnerable and riverine areas.

4. The Government of Assam has constituted a Committee of Ministers in October, 2006 to examine all issues relating to the implementation of Clause 6 of the Assam Accord. The committee has held several meetings but no time frame can be indicated by which time the committee would be in a position to submit its report.

5. Project for Bogibeel rail-cum road project has been sanctioned as a National Project worth Rs. 1767 crore in December, 2006. The Project has been targeted for completion by March, 2012. Land acquisition has already been completed for the project. Out of 74 km of the bridges sanctioned, 44 km has already been constructed.

6. Assam Gas Project has been approved at a cost of Rs. 5460 crore in April, 2006. A Joint Venture in the name and style of Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymers Ltd. has already been formed and is functioning. A Capital Subsidy for Rs. 2138 crores for the project on fixed cost basis (phased during construction period of 5 years at constant prices) and a Feedstock subsidy for Rs. 908.91 crores for the project spread over 15 years operation period at constant prices shall be provided by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals. Gas Authority of India Ltd (GAIL) is the main promoter, under an equity arrangement of GAIL: 70%, OIL: 10%, NRL: 10% and Assam Industrial Development Corporation (Government of Assam): 10%. This project is expected to give rise to a substantial employment generation both direct as well as indirect, and will attract substantial investments in setting up of downstream plastic processing Industries. A 60 months Project Implementation Scheme, starting April, 2007 has been submitted by M/s Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited. The progress is being reviewed by the Ministry of Chemicals and Petrochemicals at periodic intervals.

7. Gauhati High Court had disposed of three different Writ Petitions filed in regard to various issues connected with the Ashok Paper Mill on 11.7.2007. Hindustan Paper Corporation (HPC) has engaged a Consultant for preparation of Techno-Economic Feasibility Report (TEFR) and Detailed Project Report (DPR) in respect of revival of Ashok Paper Mill (APM) in September, 2008. Consultant agency has prepared TEFR and submitted to the HPC, which has been sent to

the Government of Assam for comments. The issue of sustained supply of bamboos to the APM is being worked out in consultation with State Government of Assam.

8. In regard to flood control measures in Assam, the Central Government had sanctioned and released Rs. 78.81 crore to the Government of Assam during the Tenth Five Year Plan for 44 anti-erosion and flood control schemes of Assam. In addition to the above, Rs. 3.95 crore has been released during the current year for the continuing schemes.

During the Eleventh Five-year Plan the Government has approved a new scheme namely Flood Management Programme for providing central assistance to States. Under this scheme, on-going and new works relating to river management, flood control, anti-erosion, drainage development and flood proofing works in critical areas are covered. Under the new scheme, 73 schemes with estimated cost of Rs. 431.70 crore has been sanctioned for the State of Assam under the Eleventh Five Year Plan. An amount of Rs. 90 crore has been released to the State Government of Assam in this regard. Additional 9 schemes with estimated cost of Rs. 27.70 crore for the State of Assam have also been approved.

9. Credit-Deposit Ratio in Assam is being reviewed regularly. CD Ration in Assam has increased from 34.4% (31.3.2005) to 43.3% (31.3.2008)

10. Follow-up action on the decisions taken in the tripartite meeting held on 5.5.2005 is being reviewed periodically.

Discotheques in Delhi safe place for drug mafia and criminals

907. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that discotheques in Delhi have become safe and sound place for drug mafia and other criminals;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether these discotheques are bound to provide entry only to couple;

(d) if so, whether these discotheques provide entry for free of charge to single female who visits regularly, whereas the single male is charged a huge amount; and

(e) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken against such discotheques of the city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) Delhi Police has not received any information about the discotheques in Delhi. However, information of violation of certain licensing conditions has been received by Delhi Police.

(c) This is not a license condition.